1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Bihar	893	204.51	3357	904.5
5	Chandigarh	13	5	4	2
6	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0
7	Delhi	107	21.25	34	17
8	Gujarat	474	200	1009	300
9	Himachal Pradesh	375	150	202	75
10	Haryana	1073	450	777	359
11	Jammu & Kashmir	1350	387.72	1641	420
12	Jharkhand	218	54.44	447	110
13	Kerala	10250	3150	14729	4229.5
14	Karnataka	1234	525	1426	450
15	Maharashtra	1933	800	1000	500
16	Manipur	80	1.8	20	1.8
17	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0
18	Meghalaya	62	3.6	0	0
19	Mizoram	1000	400	910	300
20	Nagaland	1681	713	1836	500
21	Orissa	0	0	382	27
22	Pondicherry	57	23	303	100
23	Punjab	1875	750	1628	400
24	Rajasthan	626	252.25	205	100
25	Tamilnadu	8042	1516	8039	965.25
26	Tripura	75	30	206	50
27	Uttar Pradesh	615	45	0	0
28	Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0
29	West Bangal	12415	3707.74	12406	3214.49
		47733	14413.01	51198	13072.79

Child brides

*352. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a UNICEF report on child protection has revealed that one-third of the world's child brides live in the country;

(b) whether Government has examined the report;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government proposes to make the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act more stringent;

(e) whether Government also proposes to take up the matter with the State Governments; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) The United Nations International Children Education Fund (UNICEF) Report, "The Progress for Children - A Report Card on Child Protection" of September, 2009, does mention that more than one in three women in the world, who were married as children are from India. But this Report was not released in India. Further, the Report takes into account only 61% of the world population and does not include data from populous countries like China. Thus, the statement that one-third of the world's child brides are from India, is incorrect.

As per the Census of India 2001, the number cf ever married girls below 18 years was 48.7 lakhs. The Census data also shows that the proportion of currently married women in India who got married below the age of 18 years has declined from 50.4 in 1991 to 44.7 in 2001. Also, the median age at marriage of currently married women has increased from 16.8 to 18.4 years over the same period.

(d) The Government of India repealed the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 and replaced it by "The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006" with a view to prohibit child marriages and to provide for stringent punishment for offenders. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 was notified in the Gazette of India on 11th January, 2007 and has been enforced w.e.f. 1.11.2007.

(e) and (f) The Ministry of Women & Child Development has requested the State Governments/UTs to frame Rules and to appoint Child Marriage Prohibition Officers as required under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, for its effective implementation. 11 States and 2 UTs have already framed Rules under the Act. Another set of 11 States and 2 UTs have also appointed Child Marriage Prohibition Officers.

Norms for air pollution

*353. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: